

# The Luminosity Functions and Timescales of Massive YSOs and Ultra-Compact HII regions Joe Mottram, University of Exeter, UK



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### Massive Young Stellar Objects

- Luminous (L>10<sup>4</sup> L<sub>☉</sub>) embedded mid-IR bright sources
- No HII region but sometimes ionised 'wind' (emission lines have v~100 km/s)
- Also frequently:
  - Supersonic molecular outflow
  - Maser emission



GL2591, Gemini JHK

#### The Red MSX Source Survey

- Colour-selected ~2000 candidates using MSX and 2MASS (Lumsden et al., 2002)
- |b| ≤ 5°, 10° ≤ I ≤ 350°



Massive YSOs + UCHII regions

#### + PN + C stars + OH/IR stars

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The Origin of Stellar Masses

## Follow-up of Sample

- ~1" resolution radio continuum (Urquhart et al. 2007, 2009)
  => HII regions & PN
- ~1" resolution mid-IR (Mottram et al 2007) => dust morphology (MYSOs vs HII regions)
- <sup>13</sup>CO & HI (Urquhart et al. 2007, 2008, 2010) => distances
- Spitzer MIPSGAL and IRAS IGA => Far-IR Flux => SEDs, Luminosities (Mottram et al 2010a, b)
- NIR spectroscopy (Cooper et al in prep) => final class and characterisation
- Data available at http://www.ast.leeds.ac.uk/RMS/

#### The Luminosity Distributions



# **Obtaining the Luminosity Function**

• Need Volume observed as a function of L



#### Weighting Function



# Volume of the Galaxy observed



#### The Luminosity Functions



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## Timescales



# MYSOs vs HC/UCHIIs

- Radio-quiet MYSOs with  $10^4 L_{\odot} \le L \le 10^5 L_{\odot}$  exit ۲ 100
- why no HII region? ullet
- Confined/quenched HII region (e.g. Walmsley 2005, Keto 2003, ulletTan & Mckee 2003)? Not for MYSOs

Are Beyroeally in a main-sequence ullet



#### Hosokawa, Yorke & Omukai, 2010

### Summary

- The RMS survey has a sample of MYSOs and UCHII regions
- We have obtained the Luminosity function and timescales for these phases of massive star evolution for the first time
- No MYSO phase for L >  $10^5 L_{\odot}$  go strait to HC/UCHII region
- For  $10^4 L_{\odot} 10^5 L_{\odot}$ , results consistent with swollen cooler MYSOs due to high accretion
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